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MARCH 16TH, 1849.

REV. HUMPHREY LLOYD, D. D., PRESIDENT,  
in the Chair.

The Secretary of the Academy read the following Report :

During the past year, no event of unusual importance has occurred in the history of the Academy. The interest taken by the Members in the welfare of the Academy continues unabated, and is evinced as well by their large attendance at the Meetings as by the many valuable papers contributed to our Proceedings and to the Transactions.

Twenty-one new Members have been elected during the year now closed ; and the Academy have also elected as Honorary Members, in the section of Antiquities, the Chevalier Bunsen, M. Thomsen, of Copenhagen, and M. Botta, of Paris.

The names of the ordinary Members elected during the year are as follow :

William Armstrong, Esq.	Rev. James Bewglass, LL. D.
Michael Barry, Esq.	Rev. Edward Dillon.
Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald.	John Carley, Esq.
Rev. William Graham.	Jonathan Pim, Esq.
James Christopher Kenny, Esq.	John Purser, Esq.
Capt. W. E. D. Broughton, R. E.	John L. Rickards, Esq., C. E.
Ven. Archdeacon T. P. Magee,	Henry Smith, Esq., C. E.
LL. D.	Maurice Colles, Esq.
Andrew Graham, Esq.	Rev. John Magrath, LL. D.
Viscount Dungannon.	Jeremiah J. Murphy, Esq.
John Bell, Esq.	William Ogilby, Esq.

The Academy has lost by death during the past year the following Honorary Members :

JAMES COWLES PRITCHARD, Esq., M. D., elected 1836.

J. JACOB BERZELIUS, elected 1829.

Notices of these eminent individuals having already appeared in several literary and scientific journals, it is not necessary for the

Council to pass any eulogium on men so well known, and whose memory will long be cherished in the world of letters.

The Academy has lost four ordinary Members during the past year, three of whom were among the oldest Members of this Academy.

1. The REV. GEORGE MILLER, D. D., died October 6, 1848, at a very advanced age, having retained the full powers of his active mind to the last. Dr. Miller was fifty-eight years a Member of this Academy, having been elected in the year 1790. He was for many years a Member of Council, and one of our Secretaries. His name is well known in English literature by his *Philosophy of History* and other works. Dr. Miller was elected a Fellow of Trinity College in 1789; he retired on the living of Derryvullan in 1804, which preferment he held, in conjunction with the head mastership of the school of Armagh, to the day of his death.

2. The Right REV. SAMUEL KYLE, D. D., died May 18, 1848. He was elected a Member of the Academy in 1802, has served for many years in the Council, and filled the office of Secretary. He was also a distinguished ornament of the University, having been elected a Fellow of Trinity College in 1798; and having been subsequently for many years Provost of that College. He was consecrated Bishop of Cork and Ross in 1831, and afterwards, on the death of Bishop Brinkley, was translated to Cloyne, retaining his jurisdiction over the former dioceses, according to the provisions of the Act of Parliament which suppressed the temporalities of Cork and Ross.

3. The Right HON. MAURICE FITZGERALD, Knight of Kerry, died March 7, 1849. He was another of our oldest surviving Members, having been elected in 1796. He was the eldest son of Robert, Knight of Kerry, by his third wife, Catharine, daughter of Lancelot Sandes, Esq., and was born 29th December, 1774. Mr. Fitzgerald sat as representative for the borough of Ardfert, in the Irish Parliament, and was one of the Members appointed by the Act of Union to represent the county of Kerry in the first imperial Parliament of the united kingdom. He died at Glanleam, near Valentia, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

4. JAMES THOMPSON, Esq., LL. D., of Glasgow, died on the 12th of January last. He has been a Member of this Academy since the year 1841, but is well known from the many valuable elementary books of instruction in the mathematical sciences which he has published during the last thirty years. Dr. Thompson was connected with the Belfast Institution as Professor of Mathematics in the College department, as well as Master of the Mathematical and Mercantile School, since the opening of that institution in 1814. In 1832 he removed to Glasgow, having been elected Professor of Mathematics to that University at the close of the preceding year. He died in the sixty-third year of his age, of a disease which appeared at first to have many of the symptoms of the cholera then prevalent at Glasgow.

During the academic year which is just closed, Medals have been awarded by the Council to the following gentlemen, for their valuable contributions to literature and science :

Sir William R. Hamilton, LL. D. ;  
 The Rev. Samuel Haughton, F. T. C. D. ;  
 The Rev. Edward Hincks, D. D. ; and  
 John O'Donovan, Esq.

The President's Address on the delivery of the Medals to these distinguished Members of the Academy having been printed in the Proceedings of the Academy, it is unnecessary for the Council, in this brief summary of the events of the year, to recapitulate the grounds upon which this well-merited honour was conferred.

The Museum has received some important additions, of which a list will be given as an Appendix to this volume; among these may be noticed the following :—The Academy are indebted to the Shannon Commissioners for another donation of great interest. A collection of Ogham stones, from Dingle, presented by Mr. Hitchcock, is also a donation of much value. Some swords and other weapons, believed to be Danish, which were found at Island Bridge, have also been presented by Mr. Richard Young.

But the most interesting addition made to the Museum has been that which was received from the King of Denmark and the Society of Northern Antiquaries of Copenhagen. This collection consists of some articles of great interest, and of particular importance from the

light they throw on the history of the aboriginal inhabitants of Denmark, as well as on the antiquities which belong to the period of the Danish occupation of Ireland. It contains, also, some extremely beautiful casts, which, for the purpose of comparison, are as valuable to the student as the original objects.

It is much to be desired that a closer correspondence could be established between the principal Museums of national antiquities in Europe, by an interchange of casts, drawings, and descriptive catalogues. Nothing would have a greater tendency to promote antiquarian science, and to establish fixed principles from which inferences of the utmost importance respecting the migrations and early history of the human race might be derived. With a view to promote this object, the Council have already formed a pictorial Catalogue of the Museum, and they have long been desirous to prepare for publication a descriptive Catalogue. They have the gratification of stating now, with respect to the latter object, that Dr. Petrie has kindly undertaken to carry out their views by compiling a short Catalogue of the most important articles of the collection, including especially such as are in their nature unique, and such as are *types* of a class.

The same gentleman has also undertaken, at the request of the Committee of Antiquities, to draw up a detailed account of the excavations of the ancient tumulus of Dowth, and to present it to the Academy in the form of a Memoir, with a view to its publication in the Transactions.

The Library, during the past year, has received several donations, and has also been increased by a few purchases. A list of both will be given in the Appendix to the present volume of the Proceedings.

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IT WAS RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Council be adopted, and printed in the Proceedings.

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The Ballot for the annual election having closed, the Scrutineers reported that the following gentlemen were elected Officers and Council for the ensuing year :

*President*.—Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D. D.

*Treasurer*.—Robert Ball, Esq.

*Secretary to the Academy.*—Rev. James H. Todd, D. D.  
*Secretary to the Council.*—Rev. Charles Graves, A. M.  
*Secretary of Foreign Correspondence.*—Rev. Samuel Butcher, D. D.  
*Librarian.*—Rev. William H. Drummond, D. D.  
*Clerk and Assistant Librarian.*—Edward Clibborn.

*Committee of Science.*

Rev. Franc Sadleir, D. D., Provost ; James Apjohn, M. D. ; Robert Ball, Esq. ; Sir Robert Kane, M. D. ; George J. Allman, M. D. ; Sir William R. Hamilton, LL.D. ; Rev. Samuel Haughton, A. M.

*Committee of Polite Literature.*

The Archbishop of Dublin ; Rev. William H. Drummond, D. D. ; Rev. Charles W. Wall, D. D. ; John Anster, LL. D. ; Rev. Charles Graves, A. M. ; Rev. Samuel Butcher, D. D. ; Rev. Nicholas J. Halpin.

*Committee of Antiquities.*

George Petrie, LL. D., R. H. A. ; Rev. James H. Todd, D. D. ; J. Huband Smith, A. M. ; Captain Thomas A. Larcom, R. E. ; F. W. Burton, Esq., R. H. A. ; Samuel Ferguson, Esq. ; Aquilla Smith, M. D.

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The President then appointed, under his hand and seal, the following Vice-Presidents :

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin ; Rev. Franc Sadleir, D. D., Provost of Trinity College ; Rev. Charles W. Wall, D. D. ; John Anster, LL. D.

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The following paper was communicated by Dr. Aldridge:  
 “ In the year 1846, it was stated by Dr. Budge that when the whites of eggs were treated with alcohol, and a solution of potassa and some drops of a solution of sulphate of